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THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Generally, it was entrusted to the District Wholesale Co-operative Stores officer, and it was left to him to secure it in whichever way suitable to him to get the target for that particular district."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I suggest to the Hon. Minister to give figures of procurement done by the District Co-operative Wholesale Stores, because, as the hon. Member Mr. Ahamed Ibrahim said, there are co-operative stores entrusted with procurement work? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I know that there are co-operative stores entrusted with procurement work, but I cannot give that information on a supplementary question."

Extent of land to be irrigated under Thungabhadra Project.

* 136 Q.—SRI B. BHIMA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) the extent of irrigation area which will be brought under cultivation by the proposed Thungabhadra Project in the several taluks of Bellary district;

(b) how much area will be irrigated with wet crops and how much with dry crops in each of the taluks;

(c) the area that will be irrigated with wet crops in His Exalted Highness the Nizam's Dominions on the other side of the Thungabhadra river and how much dry;

(d) how much electricity is developed under the scheme for utilization in Bellary district and adjacent areas;

(e) how much electrical energy is developed under the scheme for utilization in His Exalted Highness the Nizam's Dominions:

(f) the reason for the extraordinary difference between the proposed area to be irrigated in the Nizam's Dominions when compared with that in British India;

(g) the reason why more electrical energy is developed under the scheme by His Exalted Highness the Nizam's Government when compared with that in British India; and

(h) whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table, the agreement entered into by the Madras Government with His Exalted Highness the Nizam's Government in respect of the sharing of the waters of the Thungabhadra and other incidental matters?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer [a] to the question placed on the Table of the House."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" With reference to clauses (c) and (d) may I ask the Hon. Minister whether it is not a fact that the area irrigated in Nizam's Dominions is three times more than that in British India and the electrical energy that is developed in Nizam's Dominions is 10 times more than that in Bellary district? "

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I have already answered that Government have no information in the matter, and that they will get the information."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" If the information (I have furnished) is correct, will the Hon. Minister also get the information as to why the Nizam's Government is taking an advantage over us? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I shall try to get the additional information also which the hon. Member wants."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether Government are aware of all kinds of conjectures regarding this Tungabhadra Project, and in order to remove certain misgivings from the minds of the public, will Government obtain all possible information both on this side as well as the Hyderabad State, and issue a communique? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Government have already decided to issue a communique."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Will the information asked for by my hon. Friend Mr. Bhima Rao also be included in that? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" If we are to wait for that information, it may take some time. I think the communique which we have already decided to issue will be issued. When the additional information becomes available, we shall issue a further communiqué."

Number of Muslims as District Registrars.

* 137 Q.—ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—

(a) how many vacancies of District Registrars arose from the year 1935 to 1945 and how many of them were filled by Muslims;

(b) whether it is a fact that in March 1946 seven more posts of District Registrars were created by the bifurcation of the clubbed districts and by the creation of a fresh post;

(c) if so, how many of these posts were given to Muslims; and

(d) what is the total strength of District Registrars and how many of them are Muslims?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) Number of vacancies of District Registrars that arose from 1935–45—44 (four of whom are reserved to be filled by War Service personnel irrespective of communal considerations).

Number filled by Muslims—2.

" (b) Six posts of District Registrars with effect from 1st April 1946 and one post of Inspector of Registration offices with effect from 1st December 1946 were created temporarily.

" (c) None.